

Submission

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To whom it may concern

I am a concerned Sydney citizen who vehemently poses the lockout laws that have been implemented in Sydney for the below stated reasons. By way of background I am in my thirties and well and truly past my party days.

1. Casinos being exempt gives the impression that the Government is okay with fostering gambling addictions.
2. I feel that these laws have been rushed through as a band aid solution to violence as a result of front page stories from SMH & Daily Telegraph. Why have alternative options not been thoroughly explored and considered such as extra policing or significantly improved 24 hour public transport.
3. A very small subsection of the population have behaved very poorly, yet now everyone is being punished. Significantly small businesses and entertainers (DJs/Musicians etc). Why are more steps not being taken around prevention through education and policing?
4. Internationally famous DJs such as Alice in Wonderland & Nina Las Vegas started as club DJs in Sydney who had house spots - due to reduced trading hours it is much harder for up & coming musicians to get their breaks in the same way.
5. It's an embarrassment. Recently I had friends who visited from WA, their flight landed at 10pm Sydney time and they wanted to get a bottle of wine as it was the start of their holidays and only 7pm Perth time - however due to bottle shops having to shut by 10pm, this wasn't possible. Again an example of perfectly sensible, non-violent people visiting Sydney being punished by these unfair laws.

Thank you for taking the time to read my submission.

Sarah